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SUBJECT: UNESCO DENIES HAVING TAKEN OFFICIAL VIEW

IN FAVOR OF COMMUNICATIONS NATIONALIZATION

REF: STATE 1563675

1. UNESCO OFFICIALS IN PRESS STATEMENTS JULY 7 AND 9 DENIED INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION (IAPA) AND FREEDOM HOUSE ALLEGATIONS THAT UNESCO HAD ADOPTED AS AN OFFICIAL WORKING PAPER FOR SAN JOSE CONFERENCE A DOCUMENT PROPOSING THE NATIONALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA. THE ONLY OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, WHICH WILL BE USED AS BASIS CONFERENCE DEBATES ACCORDING TO UNESCO SPOKESMAN, IS UNESCO'S COMM-76/LACCOM/3 (REFERENCED IN STATE 1653675 AND POUCHED BY USDEL/UNESCO JUNE 28, 1976).

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE CONTROVERSIAL DOCUMENT APPARENTLY WAS PREPARED BY UNESCO EXPERTS WHO HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED BY CONFERENCE SECRETARY-GENERAL LUIS LOPEZ TO DRAFT A WORKING PAPER. LOPEZ, THE REPORTS CONTINUED, REJECTED THIS DOCUMENT, AND A NEW ONE (COM-76/LACCOM/3) WAS PREPARED. LOPEZ IS QUOTED THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IAPA THAT THE CONTROVERSIAL DOCUMENT WAS NOT OFFICIAL.

3. LOPEZ' CHIEF ASSISTANT, ASDRUBAL SALSAMENDI, ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS DEFENDED IAPA EXCLUSION FROM THE CONFERENCE. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT UNESCO POLICY IS TO ACCREDIT OBSERVERS ONLY FROM THOSE NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH TIES TO UNESCO.

4. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO IAPA AND FREEDOM HOUSE DECLARATIONS, UNESCO OFFICIALS HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN JOGGED BY STATEMENTS FROM LOCAL MEDIA AND FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO STRONGLY CRITICAL OF ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL CONCEPT THAT SMACKS OF STATE CONTROL OF THE MEDIA. THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONFERENCE, AND UNESCO'S REPUTED CONTROVERSIAL POSITION, HAVE BEEN GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY HERE.
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